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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ITALIAN EXPEDITION TO ANARCTICA

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1. ACCORDING TO ITALIAN MFA, A GROUP OF PRIVATELY FINANCED ITALIAN SCIENTISTS HAS LONG BEEN PLANNING AN EXPEDITION INTO ANTARCTICA, DEPARTING FROM ARGENTINA VIA LAND VESSEL UNDER ARGENTINE FLAG. MILAN-BASED ITALIANS HAVE BEEN IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH ARGENTINE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE GOA AGENCY FOR MATTERS RELATED TO ANTARCTICA TREATY. WHILE THAT MINISTRY RAISED NO OBJECTIONS, GOI HAS LEARNED THAT IN PAST FEW DAYS "OTHER ELEMENTS" OF ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT FOUND THAT EXPEDITION COULD NOT BE AUTHORIZED, ON GROUNDS THAT:

A) ITALIANS PROPOSE TO CONDUCT SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS IN PORTIONS OF ANTARCTICA WHERE ARGENTINA HAS TERRITORIAL CLAIMS,
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AND

B) CERTAIN "UNDERSTANDINGS", REACHED BY THE TREATY'S CONSULTATIVE GROUP AFTER THE TREATY CAME INTO FORCE, REQUIRE THAT EITHER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE "SENDING" STATE BY A PARTY TO THE TREATY, OR THAT THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP GIVE ITS APPROVAL TO SUCH VENTURES BEFORE THE FACT. MFA HAS ASKED ITS EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES TO INTERVENE WITH GOA ON GROUNDS THAT, WHILE EXPEDITION IS PRIVATE, IT HAS GOI ENDORSEMENT. BASED ON CONTACTS WITH ARGENTINE EMBASSY IN ROME, MFA BELIEVES ITS INTERVENTION IN BUENOS AIRES WILL BE FAVORABLY RECEIVED.

2. WHILE ANTARCTICA TREATY HAS BEEN "UNDER STUDY" FOR YEARS IN GOI, THIS INCIDENT HAS APPARENTLY TRIGGERED A "FAVORABLE" RE-EXAMINATION. MFA HAS ASKED ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO ASCERTAIN FROM USG, AS DEPOSITORY POWER, FACTS ON CONSULTATIVE GROUP ACTIVITIES SINCE TREATY CAME INTO FORCE, WITH VIEW NOT ONLY TO ASSESSING MERITS OF ANY ARGENTINIAN OBJECTIONS BUT ALSO TO INFORM GOI DELIBERATIONS ON POSSIBLE ADHESION TO TREATY. SOURCE BELIEVES THAT IT IS POSSIBLE RPT POSSIBLE THAT ITALIAN ADHERENCE COULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN A MONTH OR SO.
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